

BULLETIN

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Notice of Meeting.

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. It will be held in the Royal Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum, Argyle St., Hobart, at 7.45.p.m. on Thursday, March 15th.

Following the meeting, Mr. L.E.Wall will give his Presidential Address.

The following nominations have been given to the Secretary.

- ..Librarian, Mrs. M. McDonald.
- ..Secretary, Miss M.L.Westbrook.

Outing, Saturday, March 17th.

Mrs. Thorpe will lead this outing. Meet at the Prince, at 10.a.m. If the weather is suitable, the area will be to Collinsvale, but if the Weather Man doesn't co-operate, Mrs. Thorpe has another place in mind.

Club Library

Following the query in last Bulletin about "Insects of the World", a donation of \$1.00 has been donated by Dr. Thyne, in the hope that 14 other club members will feel inclined to make similar donations to raise the purchase price of \$15-00. Any offers????

Five Minute Talk

This will be given by Miss Mosey who will tell of her recent cruise on Port Davey.

Annual Report for 1972.

Membership. At the close of 1972 our membership consisted of 6 Life Members, 19 Families, 94 Ordinary and 2 Junior Members, an overall increase of 45 during the year. These figures are based on financial membership, and the increase is explained partly by the Committee's drive during the year to collect arrears from forgetful members.

Meetings were held regularly, with a slight increase in attendances. We express our thanks to the speakers, whether guests or our own members, for making substantial contributions to their success. On one occasion we were able to listen to a visitor who was introduced to us at short notice: if any member knows of a visitor who can give us a talk such as this the Committee is always pleased to know so that, if possible, the Talks programme can be amended to take advantage of the opportunity.

Field Outings followed the usual pattern and were varied in their scope. Some were held on Sunday instead of Saturday and were well attended. The Committee would welcome comments from members as to their preferences in this regard so that as many as possible are able to attend. Maybe it would be best to have an even spread. Again, our thanks go to the leaders of these outings and to those who have provided transport. Easter Camp was held at Lake St. Clair and we were favoured with ideal weather. There was a good attendance of members and useful observations were made, notes of which were published in the "Tas. Naturalist".

"Tas. Naturalist". Our thanks go to David Thomas who has continued his good work in maintaining a high standard in our quarterly magazine. His editorial in the last issue, drawing attention to the preponderance of ornithological material submitted to him for publication and the problem of obtaining notes on other branches of natural history highlights the need for more participation from members. I believe that many consider they have insufficient scientific knowledge to contribute, but this isn't

the only thing needed - interesting observations are always welcomed, either with or without a lot of scientific terms. Even the simplest observations may lead others with greater resources to enlarge on what you have started.

Library. David Ziegeler has kept our library in good order but it is disappointing that it is not used by members to a greater extent. David has found it necessary to give up this duty and we must find another librarian, but we must thank him for his efforts. We hope it may be possible to display our books to greater advantage and so encourage greater use of them.

Precipitous Bluff. After the close of our activities for 1972 a Mining Court supported objections by the S.W. Committee and The Tas. Conservation Trust against the grant of an exploration licence in this area. Your Committee has decided to contribute towards the costs of legal representation for these bodies in Court.

Name Badges. It is found that many members do not wear their badges at meetings and return them to the box afterwards and your Committee would be pleased to have your views on this practice. Would you prefer to retain your badges permanently and bring them to meetings instead of collecting them from the box each evening?

Appreciation. I must acknowledge with thanks the co-operation afforded me by all members of the Committee during 1972, with a special mention for our Secretary, Miss Westbrook, whose work and enthusiasm has contributed so much. To all our members, thank you for your encouragement which I am sure will be extended to my successor. I have appreciated the opportunity I have had to serve as your President for the past two years.

L. E. Wall

Queen's Domain. At the recent Committee Meeting it was agreed to support in principle the City Council's plan for the Domain, providing for the northern section to be kept as natural parkland.

Flora and Fauna Conservation Committee

Your representatives on the Tasmanian Flora and Fauna Conservation Committee seek the views of members of this Club as to whether there should be a maintenance of the Committee, now that a strong, unified body, namely, the Tasmanian Conservation Trust, exists.

The much smaller Flora and Fauna Conservation Committee has for many years given much valuable attention to Conservation issues in Tasmania.

It is now felt that perhaps there is no real value in continuing this organisation which covers the same field and has the same aims as the much larger Tasmanian Conservation Trust.

Let us hear your opinion.

Marcus Hurburgh.

RECORD BOOK.

Who would like to volunteer to keep this for a few months? Paste in the list of Observations and Exhibits sent you by the Secretary. See that there is something put in about each outing, and include a very few Press cuttings if there are any on club matters, or articles by club members. It's your chance to look back over the Club's activities!

NEW MEMBER

Mr. Peter Fielding, 13 Audley St. North Hobart.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"A CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT
EVENT OF THE YEAR"

MAKE SURE YOU ARE THERE TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT
TO VOTE FOR THE CLUB'S LEADERS FOR 1973.....
